GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TEXTILES
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:179
ANSWERED ON:30.11.2000
REVIVAL POLICY FOR HANDLOOM SECTOR
RAMDAS ATHAWALE

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have any policy for promotion and revival of handloom sector;

(b) if so, the details thereof alongwith participation of the Union as well as State Governments therein;

(c) whether the Government have taken any decision to give subsidy on transportation of ready material from the North Eastern States and other backward areas under Handloom Development Scheme; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRI KASHIRAM RANA)

(a) to (d) A statement is laid on the table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO THE LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.179 RAISED BY SHRI RA ATHAWALE TO BE ANSWERED ON 30.11.2000.

(a) & (b) Yes Sir. The development and promotion of handloom sector is a continuous process. Recently, Government of India have launched a new Scheme, namely, Deen Dayal Hathkargha Protsahan Yojana covering gamut of activities such as basic inputs, infrastructure, design input, strengthening of handloom organizations, marketing incentives, etc. to provide financial assistance in an integrated manner. The grant portion of the project cost is to be shared equally between Central and State Governments except in case of North Eastern States, Sikkim and State of J&K and proposals covering 100% beneficiaries from SC/ST/Minority category where it is 75:25.

(c) & (d) In order to facilitate movement of finished products to other parts of the country, transport subsidy is admissible under the new scheme to North Eastern States, Sikkim and State of J&K for transportation of products to their own outlets outside the State/approved site of exhibitions/fairs organized by the Office of the Development Commissioner (Handlooms), Ministry of Textiles subject to the condition that the population of the place to which it is transported has over 10 lakhs population.